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SUBJECT:INTERNATIONAL STATUS FOR HINDI LANGUAGE

REF: NEW DELHI 779

1. DEPT COMMENDS EMBASSY ON ALERT REPORTING ON THRUST TO
ACQUIRE INTERNATIONAL STATUS FOR HINDI.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PINNED DOWN
OF POSSIBLE INDIAN INTEREST IN HAVING HINDI RECOGNIZED
AS OFFICIAL OR QUASI-WORKING LANGUAGE IN UN SYSTEM.HINDI IS
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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, BUT NOT A WORKING LANGUAGE, OF UNESCO.

THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE UN ITSELF HAVE BEEN MADE WORKING LANGUAGES AND IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING SHOULD EFFORTS BE MADE IN OTHER UN AGENCIES TO HAVE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES GIVEN WORKING LANGUAGE STATUS.

3. DEPT IS CONCERNED WITH BOTH ADMINISTRATIVE AND COST ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE PROLIFERATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VIGOROUSLY IS PURSUING POLICY OF REQUIRING

THAT COSTS OF ALL ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICES BE PAID FOR BY USER STATES. COST OF FULL HINDI LANGUAGE SERVICES IN UN WOULD COST MORE THAN INDIA'S CURRENT ASSESSMENT TO UN. GERMAN WAS APPROVED AS LIMITED WORKING LANGUAGE OF UN AT 1974 GENERAL ASSEMBLY BASED ON COMMITMENT OF THREE GERMAN SPEAKING STATES TO PAY ALL COSTS. ARABIC WAS APPROVED

AS WORKING LANGUAGE OF UNGA AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN 1973 AFTER ARAB STATES AGREED TO PAY ALL COSTS FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD. US INTENDS TO PRESS ARABS TO CONTINUE PAYING COSTS AFTER END OF THREE YEAR PERIOD.

4. REQUEST DEPT. BE KEPT INFORMED OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.
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